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Michael Weiler, et al.

Application No. 10/511,178

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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## **RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of July 11, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A request for an extension of the time for response is enclosed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listings of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.